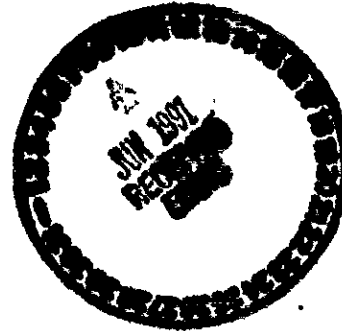




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Re: Expedited Action Approval for 618-9 Burial Ground

Dear Mr. Wagoner:

We are approving Phase 1 of the project plan attached to your February 13, 1991 letter, with the following clarifications and additional requirements.

1. This approval only applies to Phase 1. This phase is the time critical portion of the project plan and includes field work which must be performed before warm weather arrives.
2. Materials recovered during Phase 1 should remain on-site, as defined in 40 CFR 300.5, pending the results of the liquid sampling and a decision on the final disposition of the liquids. That decision is expected, based on the project schedule, to occur by July 31, 1991. If the final disposition of the recovered materials involves moving them off the project site, the containers should be moved as soon as possible, but not more than thirty (30) days after the decision. If the final disposition of the recovered materials includes on-site treatment, we will work with you to refine any further storage requirements. We want to clarify that all drums will be overpacked, kept within a fenced area, and inspected weekly.
3. In accordance with 40 CFR 300.820(b), within sixty (60) days of this letter, i.e., on or before April 16, 1991, DOE must make the administrative record for this action available for public comment. This must be advertised in a major local newspaper of general circulation.

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We realize that this project has progressed very quickly to this stage. There are a number of issues, both technical and administrative, that will need to be addressed by our staff. We will be involved in the project very closely through its duration and plan to provide additional guidance, direction, and clarification as issues arise.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. David Einan of the EPA at (509) 376-3883 or Mr. David Nylander of Ecology at (509) 546-2992.

Sincerely,

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